

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend par. [0045] of the specification corresponding to publication (US 2007/0128422 A1) as follows:

The composition of the working solution will depend upon the desired effect of the impregnation. Typically, the impregnation process will aim to improve dimensional instability caused by the hygroscopic nature of the wood, discoloration, biological degradation and/or degradation by exposure to UV light. Examples of suitable working solutions include copper naphthenate in a solvent or solvents above their boiling point such as xylene, isopropanol and methylene chloride. Alternatively, xylene may be used as a heating medium by itself or in combination with paraffin wax. Since high temperature is involved in the process acetic anhydride may also be used to dissolve additional anhydrides, e.g. succinic anhydride. The working solution comprises acetic anhydride.

Please amend par. [0064] of the specification corresponding to publication (US 2007/0128422 A1) as follows:

The process can also be used for other preservatives, solvents or combination of the two. For example copper naphthenate can be dissolved in any solvent and pre-heated to above the boiling point of solvent. After flooding and pressurizing using the super hot solvent (above boiling point) the recovery of the solvent is greatly facilitated.